IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD

INCOME TAX REFERENCE No 79 of 1992

For Approval and Signature:

Hon'ble MR.JUSTICE J.M.PANCHAL
and
Hon'ble MR.JUSTICE M.S.SHAH

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1. Whether Reporters of Local Papers may be allowed to see the judgements? : NO

2. To be referred to the Reporter or not? : NO

3. Whether Their Lordships wish to see the fair copy of the judgement? : NO

4. Whether this case involves a substantial question of law as to the interpretation of the Constitution of India, 1950 of any Order made thereunder? : NO

5. Whether it is to be circulated to the Civil Judge? : NO

KARNAVTI INVESTMENT P LTD (IVL)

Versus

COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX

Appearance:

MR RK PATEL for Petitioner

MR AKIL QURESHI with MANISH R BHATT for Respondent No. 1

CORAM : MR.JUSTICE J.M.PANCHAL
and
MR.JUSTICE M.S.SHAH

Date of decision: 11/01/2001

ORAL JUDGEMENT

(Per : MR.JUSTICE M.S.SHAH)

In this reference at the instance of the assessee, the following questions are referred to us in respect of assessment year 1982-83 :-

1. Whether on the facts and in the circumstances of the case, the Tribunal is right in coming to the conclusion that the Commissioner of Income-tax had rightly assumed jurisdiction u/s. 263 of the Act ?

2. Whether on the facts and in the circumstances of the case, the Tribunal is right in holding that relief u/s. 80M of the Act is to be computed after deducting relief u/s. 80K of the Act ?

2. At the hearing of the reference, the learned counsel for the assessee has fairly stated that since question No. 2 is already decided by this Court in favour of the revenue, the assessee does not press for an answer to question No. 1. In view of the above, question No. 1 is not answered.

3. As far as question No. 2 is concerned, the learned counsel for the parties agree that the controversy raised herein is concluded by the decision of this Court in CIT vs. Sarabhai & Sons, (1995) 211 ITR 20 wherein this Court held that in computing deductions allowable under sub-section (1) of section 80M, the net dividend income should be reduced by the deductions allowable to the assessee under section 80K, as provided in sub-section (2) of section 80M.

4. In view of the above decision, we answer question No. 2 in the affirmative i.e. in favour of the revenue and against the assessee.

The reference accordingly stands disposed of with no order as to costs.

(J.M. Panchal, J.)

(M.S. Shah, J.)

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